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REGION III  
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Environmental Compliance & Performance Assessment  
PEPCO Holdings, Inc.  
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Washington, DC 20068

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6927(a), Regarding Generation and Management of Hazardous Waste by Potomac Electric Power Company, Benning Service Center.  
EPA ID No. DCD000819516  
**Reference No. C16-001**

Dear Mr. Berhe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("EPA") is requesting information to supplement the information obtained by EPA during the inspection of Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) Benning Service Center, located at 3300 Benning Road, N.E., Washington, DC, 20019 (the "Facility") on May 12, 2015. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed. EPA is requesting this information pursuant to the authority granted to it under Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6927(a), which provides in relevant part that "any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes of, or otherwise handles or has handled hazardous wastes shall, upon request of any officer, employee or representative of the Environmental Protection Agency, duly designated by the Administrator, . . . furnish information relating to such wastes . . . ." EPA hereby requires that you furnish to EPA, within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of this letter, the information requested below, including all documents responsive to such request.

For each and every request, if you have any reason to believe that there may be a person(s) who may be able to provide a more detailed or complete response to such request or may be able to provide additional responsive documents, then as a part of your response to such request, identify each such person and the additional information or documents which such person may be able to provide. Furthermore, for each and every response, if information or documents responsive to such request are not in your possession, custody or control, then as part of your response to such request, identify each person from whom such information or documents may be obtained.

Please provide a separate narrative response to each question. Precede each answer with

the number of the question or letter of the subpart of the question to which it corresponds. A request for documents shall be construed as a request for any and all documents maintained by you or in your custody, control, or possession or in the possession, custody or control of any of your employees or agents, relating to the matters described below. For each copy of a document produced in response to this request, indicate on such copy, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the request to which it responds, the current location and custodian of the original, the date such original was prepared, the person(s) who prepared the original and the date the document became effective at the Facility. *Copies of all documents must be legible.*

As used herein, the term "document" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phonograph records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer print outs, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

All other terms used in this request for information that are defined in RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 *et seq.*, or 40 C.F.R. Parts 260-266, 268, and 273 shall have the meanings set forth therein.

### Requested Information

1. Submit manifests for all hazardous waste covering the past 3 years prior to the date of this letter.
2. Submit manifests for Universal Waste covering the past 5 years prior to the date of this letter.
3. Submit process descriptions for generating hazardous waste, from the start of the process and the location in the Facility where the waste is generated, to the placement of the waste in storage.
4. Waste analysis records for hazardous waste.
5. Submit hazardous waste storage area inspection records for the past 2 years prior to the date of this letter.
6. Submit these parts of the contingency plan:
  - a) Section dealing with hazardous waste
  - b) List of emergency coordinators
  - c) List of emergency equipment



7. Submit training records for the previous 5 years, including:

- a) Job titles
- b) Job descriptions
- c) Records indicating when training was given

8. Regarding the container in the Sea Container labeled "UN3082 Hazardous Waste Liquid N.O.S. (contains lead)" in photograph #004 and #005:

- a) What was the hazardous waste determination for the contents of this container?
- b) When was this container shipped?
- c) Indicate the manifest number and line number on which this container shipped in the records that were submitted for Question #1.
- d) Are weekly inspections conducted for hazardous waste in this storage area? If yes, please provide inspection records.

The provisions of Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928, authorize EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with or respond adequately to an information request under Section 3007(a) of RCRA. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

Your response must include the following signed and dated certification:

I certify that the information contained in this response to EPA's request for information and the accompanying documents is true, accurate and complete. As to the identified portions of this response for which I cannot personally verify their accuracy, I certify under penalty of law that this response and all attachments were prepared in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

With regard to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA), please see the "Information for Small Businesses" memo, enclosed, which might be applicable to your company. This enclosure provides information on contacting the SBREFA Ombudsman to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities and also provides information on compliance assistance. As noted in the enclosure, any decision to participate in such program or to seek compliance assistance does not relieve you of your obligation to respond in a timely manner to an EPA request or other enforcement action, create any rights or defenses under law, and will not affect EPA's decision to pursue this enforcement action. To preserve your legal rights, you must comply with all rules governing the administrative enforcement process. The Ombudsman and fairness boards do not participate in the resolution of EPA's enforcement action. EPA has not made a determination as to whether or not you [or your company] are covered by the SBREFA.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the information, in a manner described in 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Unless a claim of business confidentiality is asserted at the time the requested information is submitted, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

This request for information is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520.

Please send your response to:

Eric Greenwood (3LC70)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Greenwood at (215) 814-2057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Amend".

Carol Amend, Associate Director  
Land and Chemicals Division  
Office of Land Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Eric Greenwood (3LC70)